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CIVIL ACTION

APPENDIX I

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### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

### CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, DISTRICT COUNCIL 47 HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND 1606 Walnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

and

PHILADELPHIA FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL NO. 22 HEALTH & WELFARE FUND 415-427 North 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

and

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF FIREMEN AND OILERS, LOCAL 1201 HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND 455 North 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123

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PURDUE PHARMA L.P. One Stamford Forum 201 Tresser Blvd. Stamford, CT 06901-3431

and

THE PURDUE FREDERICK COMPANY INC.
One Stamford Forum
201 Tresser Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901-3431

CIVIL ACTION

No.

<u>COMPLAINT - CLASS ACTION</u>
Jury Trial Demanded

### IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

- 1. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 47 Health and Welfare Fund ["District Council 47 Fund"] is a health and welfare trust fund having an office and place of business at 1606 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
- 2. The Philadelphia Firefighters Union Local No. 22
  Health and Welfare Fund ["Local 22 Fund"] is a health and
  welfare trust fund having an office and place of business at
  415-427 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.
- 3. The National Council of Firemen and Oilers Local 1201 Health and Welfare Fund ["Local 1201 Fund"], is a health and welfare trust fund having an office and place of business at 455 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.
- 4. Defendant Purdue Pharma L.P., is a business entity in the form of a privately held limited partnership, that maintains offices and its principal place of busienss at One Stamford Forum, 201 Tresser Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901-3431.
- 5. Defendant The Purdue Frederick Company, Inc., is a business corporation organized under the laws of the state of New York, that maintains offices and its principal place of busienss at One Stamford Forum, 201 Tresser Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901-3431. On information and belief, defendant Purdue

Frederick is the general partner of defendant Purdue Pharma, LP.

Defendants acted jointly in all the matters alleged herein, and

are collectively referred to as "Purdue."

- 6. Defendants regularly conduct business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, but are not citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 7. The acts and omissions of each Defendant, as set forth herein, were committed by its agents, officers and employees, acting within the course and scope of their office, employment or agency.

### JURISDICTION

- 8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this action pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), in that there is diversity of citizenship between the named Plaintiffs and members of the Proposed Class and Defendants, and the aggregate amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million.
- 9. Venue is proper in this district in that each
  Defendant is subject to personal jurisdiction in this district
  because of its regular business activities within this district.

#### COMMON FACTS

- 10. The claims in this action arise from the defendants' marketing and promotion of OxyContin, a controlled-release form of a Schedule II narcotic drug manufactured by defendant Purdue Pharma L.P. Purdue began selling Oxycontin in 1995, for the treatment of moderate-to-severe pain lasting more than a few days.
- 11. The District Council 47 Fund provides various benefits for employees of the City of Philadelphia who are affiliated with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, District Council 47, including the dependents of their members, as well as retired employees and their dependents.
- 12. The Local 1201 Fund provides various benefits for employees of the School District of Philadelphia, who are members of the National Council of Firemen and Oilers, Local 1201, including the dependents of their members, as well as retired members and their dependents.
- 13. The Local 22 Fund provides various benefits for employees of the Philadelphia Fire Department who are members of the International Association of Firefighters Union Local No. 22, including the dependents of their members, as well as retired members and their dependents.

- 14. The benefits provided by each of the Plaintiff Funds include prescription drug benefit plans and coverage, which are self-insured by the respective Funds and administered through a Prescription Benefit Manager ["PBM"]. The Funds also provide coverage for medical benefit plans.
- 15. During the relevant time period, the Funds purchased Oxycontin for use by their members or retirees, and/or reimbursed members or retirees for their purchases of OxyContin, The Funds were injured as a result of the unlawful conduct alleged herein, which cause unnecessary and excessive usage of OxyContin.
- 16. The Funds' plans only permit payment for prescriptions which are medically necessary, and in accordance with medically recognized uses. The plans seek to regulate and control the cost of prescription drugs by methods such as use of approved formularies and encouraging use of generic drugs.
- 17. The Funds and their PBMs rely on persons causing claims to be submitted for payment, to recognize and honor the permissible scope of reimbursement and to obey the governing law and regulations in activities that cause such claims.
- 18. The Purdue Defendants have aggressively exploited their position, their superior knowledge of their product's characteristics and their knowledge that payors such as

Plaintiffs relied on suppliers and sellers to comply with the governing regulation, by means of direct, illegal programs of promotion of use of non-medically necessary, non-indicated uses.

- 19. In Pennsylvania, Purdue has marketed Oxycontin, its powerful narcotic medication pain for non-medically necessary uses including use for the treatment of moderate pain. Further, each Defendant has intentionally misrepresented to prescribers who treat Fund participants that Oxycontin had less potential for abuse and addiction than other forms of narcotic medication.
- 20. From the outset of the OxyContin marketing campaign, Purdue promoted the drug to physicians for noncancer pain conditions that can be caused by arthritis, injuries, and chronic diseases, in addition to cancer pain, and promoted the drug in a manner which increased the potential for abuse and diversion of the medication for improper and illegal purposes.
- 21. Purdue conducted an extensive campaign to market and promote OxyContin that focused on encouraging physicians, including those in primary care specialties, to prescribe the drug for noncancer as well as cancer pain.
- 22. Purdue directed its sales representatives to focus on the physicians in their sales territories who were high opioid prescribers.

- 23. To implement its OxyContin campaign, Purdue significantly increased its sales force and used multiple promotional approaches.
- 24. OxyContin sales and prescriptions grew rapidly following its market introduction, with the growth in prescriptions for noncancer pain outpacing the growth in prescriptions for cancer pain.
- 25. The active ingredient in OxyContin tablets is oxycodone, a compound that is similar to morphine and is also found in oxycodone combination pain relief drugs such as Percocet, Percodan, and Tylox.
- 26. Because of its controlled-release property, OxyContin contains more active ingredient and needs to be taken less often (twice a day) than these other oxycodone-containing drugs. The OxyContin label originally approved by FDA indicated that the controlled-release characteristics of OxyContin were believed to reduce its potential for abuse.
- 27. Defendants began marketing OxyContin in 10-, 20-, and 40-milligram controlled-release tablets. Purdue later developed higher dosage forms, with 80- and 160-milligram controlled-release tablets, for use by patients who were already taking opioids and had developed tolerance for narcotics.

- 28. OxyContin sales and prescriptions grew rapidly following its market introduction in 1996. In 1997, OxyContin's sales and prescriptions began increasing significantly, and they continued to increase through 2002. In both 2001 and 2002, OxyContin's sales exceeded \$1 billion, and prescriptions were over 7 million.
- 29. OxyContin's formulation as a controlled-release opioid that is twice as potent as morphine made it an attractive target for abuse and diversion.
- 30. The original label's safety warning advising patients not to crush the tablets because of the possible rapid release of a potentially toxic amount of oxycodone had the potential to alert abusers to possible methods for misuse.
- 31. The rapid growth in OxyContin sales increased the drug's availability in the marketplace and contributed to opportunities to obtain the drug illicitly.
- 32. Purdue has been cited at least twice by the FDA for OxyContin advertisements in medical journals that violated the FD&C Act.
- 33. Purdue promoted OxyContin in such manner as to downplay and minimize the potential for addiction and abuse, thus causing the great increase in usage and sales, fueled by

users' addiction and the difficulty of withdrawal from chronic dependence on the narcotic.

34. In particular, Defendants' employees were instructed to and did make misleading and false promotional statements about OxyContin to healthcare professionals that contradicted the FDA-approved prescribing information for OxyContin and the express warnings it contained about risks associated with the medicine, in violation of defendant's purported policies about promotional statements. Generally, these misstatements understated the risks posed by OxyContin of addiction, abuse, withdrawal, and tolerance compared to other pain medications.

### CLASS ALLEGATIONS

35. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action under Rules 23(a) and 23(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of a class of all other Third-Party Payors, on behalf of themselves and their beneficiaries or insureds, where the Funds have offices in, or pay for prescriptions for patients within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (excluding Defendants and Defendants' respective subsidiaries and affiliates) who, from a point in time to be determined in accordance with further proceedings in this matter, and continuing through the present, have purchased, or reimbursed their beneficiaries/insureds for

excessive, unnecessary, abusive, or diverted purchases of OxyContin (the "Class").

- 36. With as many as 7 million prescriptions per year, every insurance carrier that provides prescription coverage and many other Third-Party Payors, which together exceed a thousand entities, covered the purchases of the medication by their insureds and beneficiaries. This action is brought as a class action because joinder of the members of the Class is impracticable. Plaintiffs therefore bring this action on their own behalf and as representatives of the Class.
- 37. All putative Class members were and are similarly affected by having purchased and reimbursed for purchases of OxyContin and the relief sought herein is for the benefit of Plaintiffs and members of the putative Class. Common questions of law or fact predominate over any questions that may affect only individual members. Questions of law or fact common to the Class include:
  - a. whether Purdue misrepresented and understated the dangers of abuse and addiction from OxyContin;
  - b. whether Purdue's actions in promoting OxyContin
     violated the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and
     Consumer Protection Law;

- c. whether Pursue was unjustly enriched as a consequence of unfair and unjust acts;
- d. whether Purdue breached implied warranties in connection with the sale of OxyContin;
- e. whether Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to restitution and/or rescission for the costs and expenses in connection with any purchases, reimbursements or other costs related to their purchases and reimbursements of OxyContin;
- f. whether Purdue's liability for its marketing of OxyContin is limited by legal defenses which would apply to all claims, such as federal preemption;
- g. whether Plaintiffs and members of the Class are entitled to actual and compensatory damages related to their purchases and reimbursements for purchases of OxyContin.
- 38. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiffs seek no relief which is antagonistic to the interests of the Class. In addition, Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of class actions.
- 39. A class action is a fair and appropriate method for the adjudication of the controversy, in that it will permit a

large number of claims to be resolved in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary hardship that would result from the prosecution of numerous individual actions and the duplication of discovery, effort, expense and burden on the courts that such individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding as a class action, including providing a method for obtaining redress for claims that would not be practicable to pursue individually, outweigh any difficulties that might be argued with regard to the management of this class action.

- 40. Plaintiffs' claims are not only typical of, but also are coextensive with, the claims of the class members.

  Plaintiffs and all members of the class sustained damages in the same manner as a result of Defendants' wrongful conduct.
- 41. Plaintiffs have an agreement with undersigned counsel that provides for counsel to advance all reasonable and necessary costs to litigate this action contingent on the success of the action.

# PENNSYLVANIA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW

- 42. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs by reference.
- 43. At all relevant times there was in effect the Pennsylvania Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, 73 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 201-1 et seq. ("UTPCPL").
- 44. The Funds and other class members purchased OxyContin on behalf of their members or retirees primarily for personal, family or household purposes within the meaning of 73 Pa. C.S.A. § 201-9.2.
- 45. Section 3 of the UTPCPL, 73 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 201-3, provides, in pertinent part:

Unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce as defined by sub clauses (i) through (xxi) of clause (4) of section 2 of this act . . . are hereby declared unlawful.

46. Section 2 of the UTPCPL, 73 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 201-2, provides, in pertinent part:

"UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION" and "UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES" mean any one or more of the following:

(v) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits or quantities that they do not have or that person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation or connection that he does not have;

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(vii) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality or grade or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;

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(xiv) Failing to comply with the terms of any written guarantee or warranty given to the buyer at, prior to or after a contract for the purchase of goods or services is made;

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- (xxi) Engaging in any other fraudulent or deceptive conduct which creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding.
- 47. Defendants misrepresented, concealed and/or omitted to inform Plaintiffs and the Class and the physicians who prescribed OxyContin of the adverse health effects which may result from taking its product. The material information Defendants concealed from government agencies, physicians, and Plaintiffs and members of the Class was the dangerous nature of OxyContin in terms of its potential for causing addition, dependency, and resulting likelihood of abuse and diversion for non-medical use.
- 48. Said misrepresentations, concealment and/or omissions were likely to deceive and/or in fact caused Plaintiffs and other members of the Class to purchase or reimburse for excessive purchases of OxyContin, particularly from the effects of addiction and dependency.
- 49. Defendants intended that Plaintiffs and Class members and physicians who prescribed OxyContin rely on their

misrepresentations, concealment and/or omissions as to the description, quality and characteristics of OxyContin and on a belief that OxyContin was beneficial, could be used in large doses and for chronic pain conditions, and had less potential for abuse than other powerful narcotics.

- 50. Defendants' actions, which were willful and wanton, or at least reckless, constitute violations of the UTPCPL.
- 51. Plaintiffs and other members of the Class have been damaged as a proximate result of Defendants' violations of the UTPCPL and have suffered actual, ascertainable losses, in that they paid for or reimbursed for purchases of OxyContin through Defendants' violations of the UTPCPL
- 52. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of the UTPCPL as set forth above, Plaintiff and the members of the class have suffered an ascertainable loss of money and are therefore entitled to relief, including damages, under CPL § 201-9.2.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for:

a. an order certifying this matter as a class action with Plaintiffs as Class representatives and designating Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;

- b. judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class in excess of \$75,000 for violation of the UTPCPL and damages as a result of the excessive purchases of OxyContin;
- c. requiring Defendants to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of Plaintiffs and the Class; and
- d. such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require or as may be determined to be just, equitable, and proper by this Court, including treble damages and/or \$100 per violation under the UTPCPL, whichever is greater.

## COUNT II RESCISSION/UNJUST ENRICHMENT

- 53. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs by reference.
- 54. Defendants are the manufactures, sellers, and/or suppliers of the drug, OxyContin.
- 55. Defendants, through their wrongful conduct described above, have reaped enormous, illgotten profits from the sale of OxyContin. Defendants' profits would have been reduced, but for their wrongful and unlawful conduct.
- 56. Defendants have plead guilty to a federal criminal charge of misbranding, in connection with their wrongful promotion of OxyContin, and paid a fine of \$470 million, which

only represents a fraction of the profits defendants have realized through the excessive sales of the drug.

- 57. Accordingly, Defendants have been unjustly enriched by their unlawful and wrongful conduct. Defendants should not be allowed to retain the proceeds from the benefits conferred upon it by Plaintiffs and the Class.
- 58. In equity and good conscience, it would be unjust and inequitable to permit Defendants to enrich themselves at Plaintiffs' and the Class' expense. Therefore, Defendants must disgorge their unjustly acquired profits and other monetary benefits resulting from their unlawful conduct and provide restitution and/or rescission to Plaintiffs and the Class.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for:

- a. an order certifying this matter as a class action with Plaintiffs as Class representatives and designating Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;
- b. judgment in excess of \$75,000 in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class in the amount of actual and compensatory damages;
- c. requiring Defendants to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of Plaintiffs and the Class; and

d. such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require or as may be determined to be just, equitable, and proper by this Court.

## COUNT III BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY

- 59. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs by reference.
- 60. Defendants, in the manufacture, marketing and sale of OxyContin impliedly warranted to Plaintiffs and the Class that said drug was fit for its particular ordinary purpose, that being to provide safe and effective treatment for chronic pain, and had lower risk of addiction and abuse.
- 61. Defendants, their agents and their employees knew or should have known that OxyContin causes negative health effects and/or places persons at risk for negative health effects.
- 62. Plaintiffs and members of the Class reasonably relied upon the skill and judgment of Defendants as to whether

  OxyContin was safe and fit for its intended use.
- 63. Under the Uniform Commercial Code in Pennsylvania, and in other states in which Defendants market and sell their products, there exists an implied warranty of merchantability.

  See 13 Pa. C.S.A. §§ 2314, 2315.

64. Defendants breached this warranty of merchantability by selling OxyContin as being fit for its ordinary purpose when, in fact, it was not.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for:

- a. an order certifying this matter as a class action with Plaintiffs as Class representatives and designating Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;
- b. judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class in an amount in excess of \$75,000 compensatory and consequential damages;
- c. requiring Defendants to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of Plaintiffs and the Class; and
- d. such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require or as may be determined to be just, equitable, and proper by this Court.

### COUNT IV NEGLIGENCE

- 65. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs by reference.
- 66. Defendants owed the plaintiff Funds a duty to use reasonable care in the marketing of Oxycontin. Specifically, Defendants owed the Plaintiffs a duty not to cause the Funds to

incur the cost of OxyContin for medically unnecessary uses, or for excessive usage caused by wrongful and misleading promotion. Further, Defendants owed the Plaintiffs a duty to accurately disclose known risks associated with their drug.

- 67. Defendants negligently, carelessly, recklessly, willfully and/or intentionally engaged in the following conduct in violation of its duties:
  - a. Marketing and/or promoting OxyContin for off label or non-medically necessary uses;
  - b. Improperly training and instructing their sales force to misrepresent the risks and drawbacks of the drug;
  - c. Continuing to deceptively promote, market and/or sell the drug well after they knew, or should have known, of the serious side effects and risks associated with the use of their drug; and
  - d. Allowing their drug to be used indiscriminately for uses beyond its respective indications.
- 68. Defendants' negligent, careless, reckless, willful and/or intentional conduct was the proximate cause of injuries and damages sustained by the Funds.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for:

- a. an order certifying this matter as a class action with Plaintiffs as Class representatives and designating Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;
- b. judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class in an amount in excess of \$75,000 compensatory and consequential damages;
- c. requiring Defendants to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of Plaintiffs and the Class; and
- d. such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require or as may be determined to be just, equitable, and proper by this Court.

### COUNT V MISREPRESENTATION UNDER RESTATEMENT (SECOND) OF TORTS §402B

- Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs by reference.
- 70. Defendants, through their advertising, labeling, sales representative contacts with physicians who treat the Funds' participants, and otherwise, have misrepresented material facts about their drug's risks, safety, and appropriateness as a treatment for non-medically necessary uses.

- 71. The Plaintiffs and physicians treating the Funds' participants justifiably relied upon Defendants' misrepresentations.
- 72. The Defendants are subject to strict liability for the damages resulting from their misrepresentations about the safety and efficacy of their product, pursuant to Restatement (Second), of Torts § 402B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, pray for:

- a. an order certifying this matter as a class action with Plaintiffs as Class representatives and designating Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;
- b. judgment in excess of \$75,000 in favor of Plaintiffs and the Class in the amount of actual and compensatory damages;
- c. requiring Defendants to pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of Plaintiffs and the Class; and

d. such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require or as may be determined to be just, equitable, and proper by this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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